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Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Gabon, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan and United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution

Economic assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 58/116 of 17 December 2003 and its previous resolutions on economic assistance to Djibouti,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration[1] and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2]

Recalling further the Brussels Declaration[3] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[4] adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 20 May 2001, as well as the mutual commitments undertaken on that occasion and the importance attached to follow-up and the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Aware that Djibouti is included in the list of least developed countries and that it is ranked 150th out of 177 countries studied in the *Human Development Report 2005*,[5]

Noting that the economic and social development efforts of Djibouti are constrained by the extreme climatic conditions, in particular endemic droughts and cyclical torrential rains followed by flooding, and that the implementation of reconstruction and development programmes requires the deployment of substantial resources which exceed the limited capacity of the country,

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[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] See resolution 60/1.
[3] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.
[4] Ibid., chap. II.
[5] Published for the United Nations Development Programme by Oxford University Press, New York, 2005.

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Noting also the absence of natural resources, which continues to place serious constraints on the fragile economic, budgetary, social and administrative infrastructure of the country,

Expressing its concern at the severe shortage of drinkable water and the severe food crisis, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General,[6]

Noting with satisfaction that the Government of Djibouti has implemented a reform programme, including the adoption and endorsement of a poverty reduction strategy paper with the Bretton Woods institutions,

Noting with gratitude the support provided by various countries, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to meet the humanitarian needs of the country,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Declares* its solidarity with the Government and the people of Djibouti, who continue to face critical developmental and humanitarian challenges owing to the scarcity of natural resources, coupled with harsh climatic conditions, including the acute issue of water supply and the severe food crisis impacting on the development aspirations of the country;

3. *Encourages* the Government of Djibouti to continue its serious efforts towards the consolidation of democracy, the promotion of good governance and the eradication of poverty despite difficult economic and regional realities;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the implementation of a reform programme and the adoption and endorsement of a poverty reduction strategy paper by Djibouti, and in that context appeals to all Governments, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to respond adequately to the financial and material needs of the country in line with the poverty reduction strategy;

5. *Expresses its gratitude* to the intergovernmental organizations and the specialized agencies of the United Nations for their contributions to the national rehabilitation of Djibouti, and encourages them to continue their efforts;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties faced by Djibouti, and welcomes his coordinated response to the financial and technical needs of Djibouti and the process of aligning the United Nations Development Assistance Framework to the Djibouti poverty reduction strategy through the United Nations Development Assistance Framework mid-year review of 2002-2007;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in close cooperation with the Government of Djibouti, his efforts to mobilize resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session on the progress made with regard to the implementation of the present resolution.

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[6] A/60/302.